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1. Prior to 29 June 1952, the 9th PS Brig in Pobezovice (N 50/P 61) which had Utvar No 8654, was assigned to Unit 9600 in Prague. Major Duda belonged to this unit. Lieutenant Colonel Kroch was CO of this brigade, his deputy was Captain Macejovski, political officer was Lieutenant Sramovsky and supply officer Captain Bincik. Commander of the guard unit was Captain Stanko; commander of the 3d Bn was First Lieutenant Huml; commander of the 4th Bn, Lieutenant Sindelar (all fmu).
2. The brigade included a guard detail of about 50 men, a signal unit, an engineer company of about 80 men and a guard detail of about 50 men in Hostoun (N 50/P 61). The 1st through 4th Bns were in Bela nad Radbuzaou (Weissensulz, N 50/P 52), Pivon (Stockau, N 50/P 61), Thranov (Chodenschloss, N 50/P 70) and Kout na Sumave (Kauth, N 50/P 80) respectively.
3. The 3d Bn consisted of a guard detail and the 11th through 15th Cos. They were located in Cerna Reka (Soeflenthal, N 50/P 60), near Mount Cerchov, about 4 km southeast of Cerna Reka, in Zamecek, south of Mount Cerchov, in Bystrice (Fichtenbach, N 50/U 69) and in Folmava (Vollmau, N 50/U 79) respectively.
4. The 4th Bn, which had Utvar No 7697, consisted of: a guard detail of about 50 men; the 16th Co in Lesni Louka (Waldwiesen, one of two km southeast of Folmava); the 17th Co in Spalenec (Premeth, N 50/U 79); the 18th Co in Maxov (Maxberg, N 50/U 79); the 19th Co in Vseruby (Neumark, N 50/U 89); and the 20th Co in Sruby, four km southeast of Vseruby. The battalion was equipped with five Praga RN-type trucks, four Tudor-type jeeps, two or three Jawa-type motorcycles, six riding horses and one team of horses.
5. The 16th Co, which had Utvar No 6698, consisted of three infantry, one cavalry and one heavy machine gun sections. It had a strength of 45 men of the 1928 to 1930 classes including six Slovaks, and was equipped with model 98 N rifles, submachine guns, four light machine guns and one heavy machine gun. It also had six riding horses, one team of horses and a Tudor-type jeep. Former German gas masks were the only gas protective equipment available.

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6. Recruits were expected to arrive on 1 July 1952; their basic training was scheduled to last three months. In June 1952, a six-week dog-handling course was being held in Pobezovice. As a rule, practice alerts were held four times a month. At quarters-defense alerts, the trenches around the quarters had to be occupied, while in case of "area alerts", the troops had to fall in in front of their quarters.
7. In daytime, the three-km security area along the border was kept under observation from two watchtowers, each occupied by three soldiers, and by sentries posted on continuously changing points. Mounted patrols were intermittently employed shortly before dawn and evening, for four to six hours. The watchtowers were not occupied at night, but seven to eight check-points were guarded in the company's sector. They were released when a thin wire was tripped. Only road blocks and saw horses but no trenches or wire entanglements were in the sector of the company stationed in Spalec. Work on the defensive installations near the quarters was still under way in June 1952.¹

25X1X Border Control in the Velky Senov Area

8. Prior to January 1952, SSB patrols of two men each who wore blue service color and, in some cases, were accompanied by dogs, guarded the frontier in the Velky Senov (Gross-Schoenau, C 51/F 68) area. They were armed with new Czech submachine guns. There were no frontier fortifications, obstacles or watchtowers.²
9. In late 1951, a barracks installation, which apparently was nearing completion, was observed from the railroad on the eastern edge of the Ceska Lipa (Boehm. Leipa, C 51/F 75). Work on the construction of installation was started by inmates of the Ceska Lipa Prison.

48th Infantry Regiment in Jihlava

10. Prior to 22 January 1951, the 48th Inf Regt, which has Utvar No 4425, was stationed in Jihlava (Iglau, C 50/M 61). Prior to November 1950, its headquarters and its 1st Bn were in Tabor (C 50/I 41), while other component units were in Pacov (C 50/M 22), Velkrimov (Filgram, C 50/M 41) and Dasice (Daschitz, C 51/M 89). The regimental headquarters and the 1st En, to which an officers' school and an NCO school were attached, were quartered in the Stefanik Barracks on the western edge of Jihlava about 150 meters north of the road to Tabor, and the Large Barracks just northeast of the Main Square. The 2d En was quartered in the Zizkov Barracks on the south side of the road to Tabor. The 3d Bn was stationed in Dasice.³

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11. Regimental commander was Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Sevcik; deputy regimental commander was Major Ladislav Kopriva. CO of the 2d Bn was Major Hora (fmu). The companies had a strength of about 50 men, the schools were attended by about 100 students. The 7th Co was equipped with 50 rifles, 50 submachine guns, 6 light machine guns and 1 heavy machine gun. Only a few trucks were available.⁴

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12. In November, 1950, [REDACTED] artillery regiment had been transferred to Tabor.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. It is assumed that only the frontier between Karlsbad (Karlov Vary) and Pressburg (Bratislava) is guarded by PS units wearing dog's head insignia and green service color. Reports from other sections of the frontier indicated that they were guarded by SNB personnel, who wore blue or red service color. [REDACTED] Furthermore, no deserter reports on FS units on this frontier or on the frontier to Poland have been received. Except for the border between Karlsbad and Pressburg, frontier control [REDACTED] still appears to be exercised by border-police.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. This information confirms that the 48th Inf Regt was transferred to Jihlava. [REDACTED] This regiment belongs to the 1st Inf Div in C. Sudejovice. It may be assumed that units of the 4th Tank Div, which has its headquarters in Tabor, are now quartered in Pacov and Pelhřimov, as information has been received to the effect that the barracks installations in Pacov would be used by motorized units after evacuation by the 48th Inf Regt.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Sevcik is identical with the colonel of the same name who, in June 1952, was in command of the 5th Mecz Div.

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